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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

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-- Briefly, according to this invention there is provided a method for manufacturing a mat. The method comprises the steps of 1) providing a layer that comprises volumized strands, yarns or twists, 2) providing at least one further layer form of fibers, and 3) connecting the layers, preferably by stitching. Also provided is a product made according to this method and an apparatus for performing the method.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a section of the central ply in a top view;

Fig. 2 is a section of the central ply in a perspective view;

Fig. 3 is a schematic section view of a complex made according to this invention; and

Fig. 4 is a schematic view of an apparatus for carrying out the method of this invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --